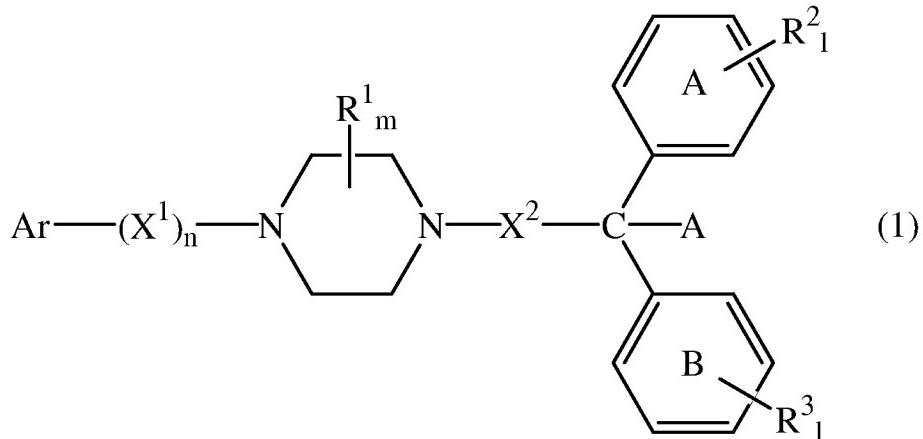


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method to treat conditions benefited by modulation of N-type and/or T-type calcium ion channel activity which method comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein Ar is phenyl, a six-membered or five-membered ring which is heteroaromatic or a fused aromatic or heteroaromatic system, each of which may optionally be substituted with one or more non-interfering substituents;

X¹ is a linker containing 1-5 members;

n is 0 or 1;

each R¹-R³ is independently a non-interfering non-hydrogen substituent;

each l is independently 0-5;

m is 0-4;

X² is a linker comprising a chain of at least 5 members;

A is H, OR, SR, NR₂, or halo wherein R is H or lower alkyl (1-6C);

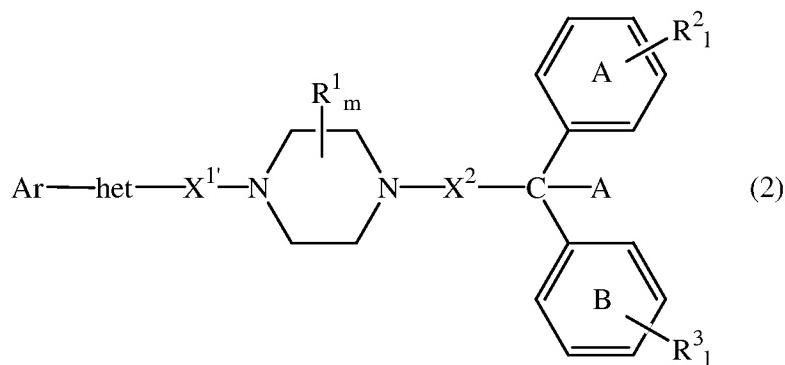
with the proviso that

- (a) Ar is a five- or six-membered heteroaryl substituent or an optionally substituted fused aromatic or heteroaromatic substituent; and/or
- (b) n is 0; and/or
- (c) m is 1-4; and/or

- (d) X^2 is alkylene substituted by =O, OR, SR, NR₂ and/or halo; and/or
 - (e) X^2 is a chain of at least 6 members; and/or
 - (f) X^2 contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, S and O; and/or
 - (g) A is OR, SR, NR₂ or halo, wherein R is H or lower alkyl (1-6C) and/or
 - (h) Ar is substituted with at least one t-butyl moiety or at least one substituted alkoxy;
- and/or

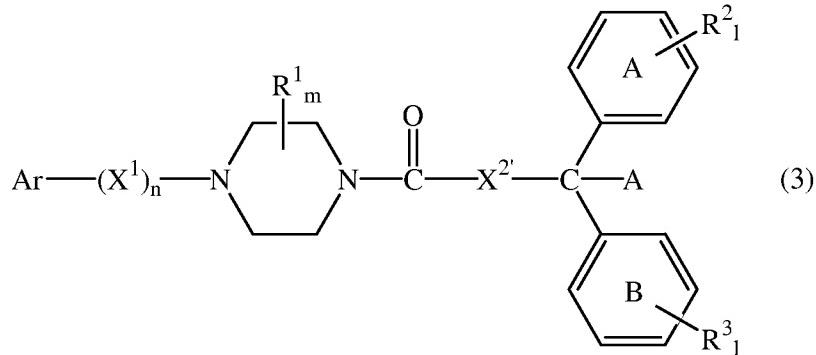
- (i) X^1 includes at least one heteroatom selected from O, N and S[[.]];
wherein said condition is selected from the group consisting of stroke, anxiety, over-active bladder, inflammatory bowel disease, head trauma, migraine, chronic pain, neuropathic pain, acute pain, epilepsy, hypertension and cardiac arrhythmia.

2. (currently amended) The compound method of claim 1 which wherein the compound of formula (1) is of the formula



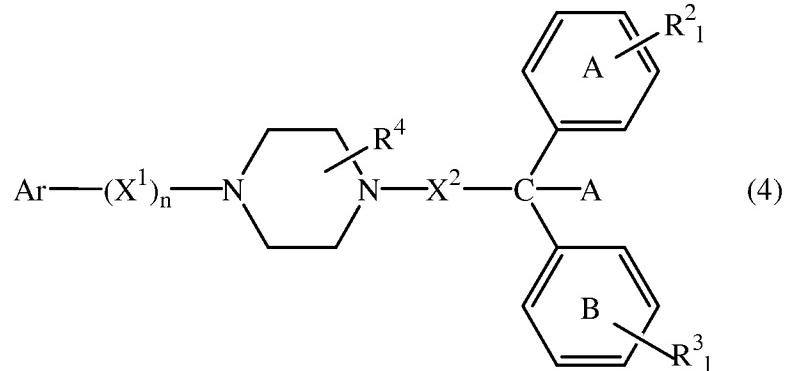
wherein Ar, R¹-R³, l, m, X² and A are as defined above, “het” is a heteroatom selected from O, S and N, and wherein X^{1'} is defined as X¹ but lacking one chain member.

3. (currently amended) The compound method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (1) is of the formula



wherein Ar, X¹, R¹-R³, l, m, n, A and Ar are defined as above, and X²' is defined as X² but lacking one chain member.

4. (currently amended) The compound method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (1) is of the formula



wherein R⁴ is =O, or a carboxylic acid group or ester or amide thereof and Ar, R²-R³, X¹, l, n, X² and A are defined as above.

5. (currently amended) The compound method of claim 1, wherein each non-interfering substituent is independently alkyl (1-10C), alkenyl (2-10C), alkynyl (2-10C), aryl (6-10C), arylalkyl (7-16C) or arylalkenyl (7-16C) each optionally further containing 1-4 heteroatoms (N, O or S) each further optionally substituted, or is independently =O, halo, CF₃, OCF, NO₂, NH₂, OH, or SH wherein S may optionally be oxidized.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, wherein each l is independently 0 or 1.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, wherein X¹ is substituted by =O at the position next to the piperazine ring.

10. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, wherein each of R² and R³ is independently alkoxy, halo, or alkyl.

11. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, wherein m is 1 and R¹ is =O or a is carboxylic acid group or ester or amide thereof.

12. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, wherein Ar is optionally substituted phenyl.

13. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 12, wherein said phenyl is unsubstituted or is substituted by one or more tert-butyl, methoxy, substituted alkoxy, hydroxy and/or halo.

14. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 13, wherein the substituted alkoxy is substituted by an amino group.

15. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, wherein Ar is optionally substituted pyrimidyl, pyridyl, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indole.

16. (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim 1, which is where the compound of formula (1) is

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(2-phenylsulfanyl-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
1-{4-[2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(2-phenylsulfanyl-ethyl)-piperazine;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
1-{4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;
1-{4-[2-(2,4-Dichloro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-piperazine;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;
1-{4-[2-(Benzothiazol-2-ylsulfanyl)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
[4-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethoxy)-2,3,6-trimethyl-phenyl]-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;
4-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethoxy)-2,3,6-trimethyl-phenylamine;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(2,4-dichloro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
[2-(4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-di-tert-butyl-phenoxy)-ethyl]-dimethyl-amine;
4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-di-tert-butyl-phenol;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone;

1-{4-[3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-(2-dimethylamino-ethoxy)-benzoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-[6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazine;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-piperazine;

{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(4-tert-butyl-benzyl)-piperazine;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(9H-thioxanthen-9-yl)-piperazine;

2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzothiazole;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-hexan-1-one;

2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-pyrimidine;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(9H-thioxanthen-9-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;

9,9-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-nonan-1-one;

(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethyl)-phenyl-amine;

1-[9,9-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-nonyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

(4-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methoxy]-butyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenyl)-methanone;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(4-trifluoromethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-2-one;

1-[4-(4-Bromo-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-hydroxy-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methoxy]-butyl}-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-6-hydroxy-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-[2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hex-5-en-1-one;
1-{4-[2-(3,4-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4-dimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;
1-[4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
1-[2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-ethyl]-4-[6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazine;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
1-(4-Amino-2,3,5-trimethyl-phenoxy)-3-{4-[6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-propan-2-ol;

1-{4-[3-(4-Amino-2,3,5-trimethyl-phenoxy)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-(4-Benzothiazol-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-piperazine;
1-[4-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(4-bromo-benzyl)-piperazine;
2-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethylsulfanyl)-benzothiazole;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-dibromo-phenol;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(4-trifluoromethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethyl)-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-amine;

1-{4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(2-phenylamino-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-chloro-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-methyl-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-isopropyl-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-tert-butyl-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-fluoro-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-chloro-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-methyl-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-isopropyl-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-tert-butyl-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-fluoro-benzamide;

1-[4-(2-Benzylamino-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[2-(4-Chloro-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(4-methyl-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(4-isopropyl-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[2-(4-Fluoro-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(1-hydroxy-pyridine-4-carbonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-dimethoxy-phenol;

9,9-Diphenyl-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-nonan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

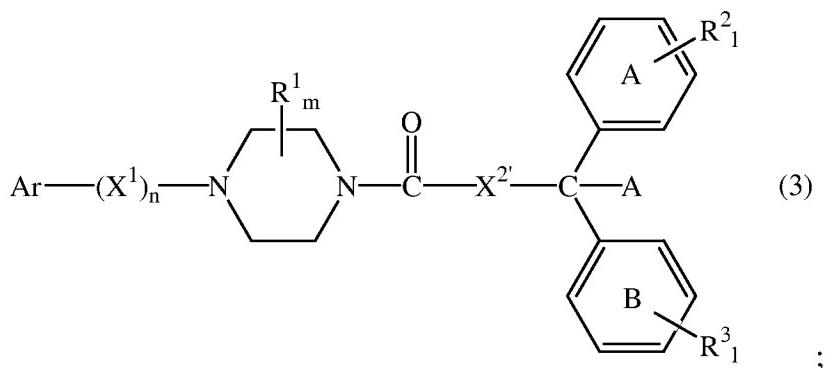
1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-3-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzoyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one; or

1-[4-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one,
including the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

17-18. (canceled)

19. (new): A compound of the formula



wherein Ar is phenyl, a six-membered or five-membered ring which is heteroaromatic or a fused aromatic or heteroaromatic system, each of which may optionally be substituted with one or more non-interfering substituents;

X^1 is a linker containing 1-5 members;

n is 1;

each R^1 - R^3 is independently a non-interfering non-hydrogen substituent;

each l is independently 0-5;

m is 0-4;

X^2 is a linker comprising a chain of at least 4 members;

A is H, OR, SR, NR₂, or halo wherein R is H or lower alkyl (1-6C);

with the proviso that

(a) Ar is a five- or six-membered heteroaryl substituent or an optionally substituted fused aromatic or heteroaromatic substituent; and/or

(b) n is 0; and/or

(c) m is 1-4; and/or

(d) X^2 is alkylene substituted by =O, OR, SR, NR₂ and/or halo; and/or

(e) X^2 is a chain of at least 6 members; and/or

(f) X^2 contains at least one heteroatom selected from N, S and O; and/or

(g) A is OR, SR, NR₂ or halo, wherein R is H or lower alkyl (1-6C) and/or

(h) Ar is substituted with at least one t-butyl moiety or at least one substituted alkoxy;

and/or

(i) X^1 includes at least one heteroatom selected from O, N and S.

20. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein each non-interfering substituent is independently alkyl (1-10C), alkenyl (2-10C), alkynyl (2-10C), aryl (6-10C), arylalkyl (7-16C) or arylalkenyl (7-16C) each optionally further containing 1-4 heteroatoms (N, O or S) each further optionally substituted, or is independently =O, halo, CF₃, OCF, NO₂, NH₂, OH, or SH wherein S may optionally be oxidized.

21. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein each 1 is independently 0 or 1.

22. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein X¹ is substituted by =O at the position next to the piperazine ring.

23. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein each of R² and R³ is independently alkoxy, halo, or alkyl.

24. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein m is 1 and R¹ is =O or a carboxylic acid group or ester or amide thereof.

25. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein Ar is optionally substituted phenyl.

26. (new): The compound of claim 25, wherein said phenyl is unsubstituted or is substituted by one or more tert-butyl, methoxy, substituted alkoxy, hydroxy and/or halo.

27. (new): The compound of claim 26, wherein the substituted alkoxy is substituted by an amino group.

28. (new): The compound of claim 19, wherein Ar is optionally substituted pyrimidyl, pyridyl, benzothiazole, benzimidazole or indole.

29. (new): A compound selected from the group consisting of
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(2-phenylsulfanyl-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
1-{4-[2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(2-phenylsulfanyl-ethyl)-piperazine;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
1-{4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;
1-{4-[2-(2,4-Dichloro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-piperazine;
6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;
1-{4-[2-(Benzothiazol-2-ylsulfanyl)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
[4-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethoxy)-2,3,6-trimethyl-phenyl]-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;
4-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethoxy)-2,3,6-trimethyl-phenylamine;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(2,4-dichloro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
[2-(4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-di-tert-butyl-phenoxy)-ethyl]-dimethyl-amine;
4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-di-tert-butyl-phenol;
1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;
1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;
{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone;

1-{4-[3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-(2-dimethylamino-ethoxy)-benzoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-[6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazine;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-benzyl)-piperazine;

{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-phenyl)-methanone;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Dibromo-4-hydroxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(4-tert-butyl-benzyl)-piperazine;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(9H-thioxanthen-9-yl)-piperazine;

2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzothiazole;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-hexan-1-one;

2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-pyrimidine;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(9H-thioxanthen-9-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;

9,9-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-nonan-1-one;
(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethyl)-phenyl-amine;

1-[9,9-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-nonyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

(4-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methoxy]-butyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenyl)-methanone;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(4-trifluoromethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-2-one;

1-[4-(4-Bromo-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-5-hydroxy-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methoxy]-butyl}-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-6-hydroxy-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-[2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-2-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-1-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-2-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hex-5-en-1-one;

1-[4-[2-(3,4-Dimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(3,4-dimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid;

4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,4-dimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

1-[4-(3,4-Dimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-ethyl]-4-[6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazine;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;

1-(4-Amino-2,3,5-trimethyl-phenoxy)-3-{4-[6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-propan-2-ol;

1-[4-[3-(4-Amino-2,3,5-trimethyl-phenoxy)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-(4-Benzothiazol-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-benzyl)-piperazine;

1-[4-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(4-bromo-benzyl)-piperazine;

2-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethylsulfanyl)-benzothiazole;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxy-benzoyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-dibromo-phenol;

1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-(4-trifluoromethoxy-benzyl)-piperazine;

(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-ethyl)-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-amine;

1-{4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(2-phenylamino-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;
1-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-4-[2-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-ethyl]-piperazine;
N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-benzamide;
N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-chloro-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-methyl-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-isopropyl-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-tert-butyl-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-fluoro-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-chloro-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-methyl-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-isopropyl-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-tert-butyl-
benzamide;

N-(2-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexanoyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-ethyl)-4-fluoro-
benzamide;

1-[4-(2-Benzylamino-ethyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[2-(4-Chloro-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-
one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(4-methyl-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-
one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{4-[2-(4-isopropyl-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-{4-[2-(4-Fluoro-benzylamino)-ethyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[4-(1-hydroxy-pyridine-4-carbonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexan-1-one;

4-{4-[6,6-Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexyl]-piperazin-1-ylmethyl}-2,6-dimethoxy-phenol;

9,9-Diphenyl-1-[4-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-nonan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-benzoyl)-3-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(3,5-Di-tert-butyl-benzoyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one;

1-[4-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoyl)-2-methyl-piperazin-1-yl]-6,6-bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-hexan-1-one, and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

30. (new): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, a unit dosage amount of at least one compound of claim 19.

31. (new): A pharmaceutical composition which comprises, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, a unit dosage amount of at least one compound of claim 29.